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CHAPTER 22

SENATE BILL 1135

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING
SECTION 8-810; RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 8, chapter 10, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 8-810, to read:

4 8-810. Protective services caseload standards committee;
5 membership; duties

6 A. THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASELOAD STANDARDS COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED
7 CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

8 1. THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY OR THE
9 DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE.

10 2. SIX PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEES, ONE FROM EACH DISTRICT, WHO ARE
11 APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR. THESE MEMBERS SERVE AT THE DIRECTOR'S PLEASURE.
12 THE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT FIELD EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY OTHER
13 FIELD EMPLOYEES. THESE MEMBERS SERVE TWO YEAR TERMS. THE DIRECTOR SHALL
14 APPOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE REPRESENT EMPLOYEES IN
15 ALL PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM AREAS, INCLUDING SUPERVISION.

16 3. THREE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE APPOINTED BY
17 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, NOT MORE THAN TWO OF WHOM
18 REPRESENT THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY. THE SPEAKER SHALL SELECT ONE OF THESE
19 MEMBERS TO COCHAIR THE COMMITTEE.

20 4. THREE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF
21 THE SENATE, NOT MORE THAN TWO OF WHOM REPRESENT THE SAME POLITICAL
22 PARTY. THE PRESIDENT SHALL SELECT ONE OF THESE MEMBERS TO COCHAIR THE
23 COMMITTEE.

24 5. ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION THAT
25 REPRESENTS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES. THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
26 REPRESENTATIVES SHALL APPOINT THIS MEMBER.

27 6. ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A RECOGNIZED CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY GROUP. THE
28 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT THIS MEMBER.

29 B. COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION OR
30 REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.

31 C. THE COCHAIRMEN SHALL CONVENE THE COMMITTEE AT LEAST QUARTERLY EACH
32 YEAR.

33 D. THE COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MINIMUM AND
34 MAXIMUM PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKER CASELOAD ASSIGNMENTS. THE COMMITTEE SHALL
35 ALSO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE CASEWORKER RETENTION AND TRAINING.

36 E. THE COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS TO THE
37 GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
38 REPRESENTATIVES ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 15 OF EACH YEAR. THE COMMITTEE SHALL
39 PROVIDE A COPY OF ITS REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE DIRECTOR OF
40 THE DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 20, 2000

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